



NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th November



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are Journalists!

Over the last few weeks, our Year 3 pupils have been journalists! They have been learning all about the features of newspaper reports and this week, put their excellent skills into practice. We've had some rather strange mysteries in Dundee, Canterbury and Brighton classes and the children have been working really hard to solve them. Who stole the Canterbury chocolate coins? What ever happened to Dundee's Rupert the bear? Where is the Brighton cat? To tell the rest of the school exactly what has been happening, and to make them aware of all the odd goings on, the children have written some fantastic newspaper reports. These reports included catchy headlines and interesting interviews from key witnesses. Children started by analysing the evidence, interviewing witnesses, boxing up their article, using their 'toolkit' to write it and most importantly, editing and improving to then create their final piece. Our Year 3 pupils certainly enjoyed being journalists and Meenal in Canterbury class said "I really liked writing my newspaper report because it was so fun to interview each other and learn how to be a journalist. I am very proud of my writing and it sounds outstanding when I read it out loud."



Dates for your diary

'Meet the Principal' tea party

Monday 28th November: 2:30 pm & 5:30 pm

Tuesday 29th November: 8:45 am

Winter Concerts and Performances:
Please join us before the concerts (from 8:30 am) for minced pies and treats. All parents to be seated for 9:15 am

13th December: EYFS

14th December: Year 1

15th December: Year 2

16th December: Year 3

19th December: Year 4

20th December: Years 5 and 6

Other key dates:

9th December: Inset day - academy closed

21st December: End of term 1 pm



PTA AGM: 8th December 7 pm

Please join us for Parent and Teacher Association annual general meeting in the lower hall. This is a great opportunity to hear about the work of the PTA and elect the committee for 2016 – 17.

Building Update

As we come nearer to the completion of our new academy block, the senior leadership team were taken for a guided tour of the building. The impressive building consists of two areas: the dining hall and learning spaces, including the new office area.

The dining hall is a huge area, with a state of the art, newly fitted kitchen. There is enough space for all children to have a comfortable dining experience. The multi-functional hall can also be used for PE lessons, with enough space for storage.

The main building consists of the main office area, which can be accessed from Cherry Orchard Road. The classrooms on either side of the corridor are spacious, with a sink area and a cloakroom for coats and bags. The upper floor can be accessed by a lift (for disabled access) or stairs on either side of the building. There is a large space, which will eventually be developed into a library space, as well as a learning zone with ICT facilities.

We were so excited to visit our new building and are even more thrilled for years 5 and 6, who will be moving into the new building for their learning in January.



Friday 16th December

Christmas Jumper day

£1 donation for Save the Children



Our SPIRIT value of the week was:

Perseverance

The following children demonstrated this value this week and each received a certificate in assembly.

Swansea	Cianna Lawal
Warwick	Matteo Carrozzo
Bath	Muhummad Babar
Manchester	Fern Tucker - Lee
York	Ruby Albertella
Roehampton	Aaryan Chaytun
Exeter	Andreia Novelo
Liverpool	Salah Abdur Rahman
Winchester	Stacey Davilar
Canterbury	Miran Sadeq
Brighton	Jake Todman
Dundee	Dylan Wiltshire
Durham	Jake Munday
Aberdeen	Maryam Safi
Glasgow	Sonia-Maria Coman
Westminster	Marie Claire Mabilia
Oxford	Kieran Powell
Cambridge	Kiarn Wontumi



This week's attendance awards

The highest attending class in KSI (including EYFS) is: **Swansea**

The joint highest attending classes in KS2 is: **Canterbury – 100%**

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see.

The run up to Christmas is a busy time here at Oval! I look forward to seeing you all at the tea parties next week, so I can introduce myself to you. Please do attend the PTA AGM as well, so that we can work together to organise fantastic events for our school community.

Best wishes,

Mrs Silke